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Draft resolution proposed by the Chairman

1998/... Question of resources for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the human rights activities of the United Nations

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the World Conference on Human Rights,

Having considered the information brought to its attention by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on developments, and measures taken since the World Conference relating to mandates and responsibilities of the High Commissioner and to the level of resources available to permit fulfilment thereof,

Considering the measures taken by the Commission at its current session concerning the establishment or expansion of mandates of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, inter alia in recognition of the need for increased attention to economic, social and cultural rights, the right to development and related matters,

1. Expresses its concern that, with the resources currently available from the United Nations regular budget, the High Commissioner will not be in a position to fulfil the full range of established and new mandates;

2. Appeals therefore to the Secretary-General, to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly to take all necessary steps, without delay, to secure for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and for other relevant components of the Organization regular budget resources for the current and future bienniums that will be sufficient to permit the effective fulfilment of the responsibilities and mandates established by Member States and commensurate with the importance assigned by the Charter of the United Nations to the promotion and protection of human rights.